

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Jesus Old Members Group held via Zoom on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

*Those attending:* Chris Hicks (Treasurer), Paul Seward (Secretary), Peter May, Andy Simpson, Helen Cotterill, George Reah, Malcolm McIvor, Richard Turner, David Stephens, John Wilson and Robert Ware.

*Apologies:* Apologies were received from Jeremy Eccles, Sally Hope, Robert Craven, Chris Butterfield, Murray Hallam, Sandy Clark, Eric Hollis, Martin Harris, Norman Wright and Alan Lovell.

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved; proposer P Seward and seconder A Simpson.

### **2. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's Report was introduced by Peter May. The Chairman highlighted from his report the change to our communications to members as the College had requested that we worked within its communications mechanisms. Andy Simpson informed us that the JOM content within the College Record would now be a review of the JOM year and that most of the other communication would either be directly to members through e-mail (for instance for information such as AGM reports) or via 'In the Loop'; there will be no separate newsletter.

The Chairman once again thanked those who had organised events during the year, noting the great success of the visit to Windsor organised by Helen Cotterill and the thriving Curry Club evenings, meeting every couple of months and organised by Chris Hicks. He also informed members that Malcolm McIvor had successfully organised a trip to the 'Medieval Women' exhibition in February 2025.

Old Members' Day has now been organised by Peter May for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 with two talks in the morning, one by Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, the College Archivist, on Jesus College in the First World War with a particular mention of Principal Ernest Hardy and the other by Leo Ball on the efforts of Oxford to encourage the children of South Wales to aspire to an Oxbridge education and apply to Oxford. After lunch there will be a tour of the College wine cellars and wine-tasting run by Professor Philip Burrows, Steward of the SCR and the Fellow responsible for the cellars.

### **3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

The Treasurer's Report and Membership Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 were introduced by the Chris Hicks. The accounts and statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts showed a surplus for the year of £255.79. The Group's reserves now stand at approximately £1000; they will be held around that amount because that facilitates the costing, management and pre-funding of future events. The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by George Reah, seconded by John Wilson and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer noted in his report that there had again been no expenditure in that year from the Outreach funding that we manage on behalf of those members of the College who have specifically donated to improve outreach to potential Welsh students. However he was able to report that since the financial year end on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, we have paid almost £700 to fund a visit from schools in Newport to Jesus College and committed to funding the distribution of literature that will help and encourage applications to Oxford by Welsh children.

### **4. Election of officers and of members of the Committee**

Paul Seward (Secretary) and Chris Hicks (Treasurer) have volunteered to continue. Peter May (currently the Chairman), Richard Cosier (currently the Membership Secretary), Andy Simpson (currently the Newsletter Editor) and Helen Cotterill (currently the Events Co-ordinator) have also volunteered to serve as Committee members. Norman Wright, Malcolm McIvor and George Reah are not offering to serve again; this will allow new members to join the Committee.

Many thanks are due to the three members of the Committee who are standing down; in particular the long and distinguished service of George and Malcolm is recognised as they have guided the Committee through a number of transitions, and helped significantly in the development of relations with College. They will still be available to offer their wisdom and experience.

There being no other nominations before the deadline, the officers and members of the Committee were approved; proposer G Reah, seconder R Ware and carried unanimously.

Since the notification of the AGM, Richard Turner has volunteered to join the Committee and he will be co-opted on.

The Committee will continue to look for two more members to co-opt, with the intent to bring the representation more in line with the profile of group members, and to seek to lower the age profile of the Committee.

## **5. Proposal to change the Rules of Association**

Members were notified in November of a proposed change to the Rules of Association that would reflect our wish, supported by College, for our group to be known in future as 'Jesus Old Members' rather than the 'XL Network'. The proposal to accept the new rules had been proposed by P Seward and supported by four others in accordance with the current rules. The proposal was approved unanimously.

## **6. Other business**

The Treasurer felt that the date of the AGM was a long time after the end of the accounting year and wondered if the two events could be brought closer together. G Reah pointed out that the accounting year matched that of College and should not be changed. It was identified that the AGM had no prescribed date but used to be in-person and for convenience linked to an event in College; now that the AGM is held online, it has a more flexible schedule. It was therefore agreed to change the date of the AGM to the end of November each year, with the next AGM being in November 2025.

*PAS March 2025*